GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Water Resources Department – Andhra Pradesh Farmers Management of Irrigation Systems (APFMIS) Act, 1997, (Act 11 of 1997), Election to Farmers' Organizations and amendment to APFMIS Act - Ordinance No.2 of 2015 dt: 16.06.2015 published in A.P. Gazette No.2, dt: 17.06.2015-Orders -Issued.

WATER RESOURCES (CAD) DEPARTMENT.

G.O.RT.No. 528 Dt.13.08.2015.

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.20, I & CAD (CAD.1) Dept., dt.12.02.2013.
2. From the Commissioner CADA, Lr.No.COM/CAD/ASO-1/1/2014, dt: 17.06.2014, 05.07.2014 & 07.08.2014.
3. Govt. Memo No.26815/CAD.1/2011, Dt: 20.06.2015.
4. From the Commissioner CADA, Lr.No.COM/CAD/EE/DSO/ Amendment, dt: 29.06.2015.

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ORDER:

In the circumstances reported by the Commissioner, CADA, in the reference 2nd read above, the Government hasreviewed provisions of the APFIMS Act,1997 and decided to bring an amendment to Section 34 of APFMIS Act, 1997 (Act 11 of 1997).

2. Accordingly, an Ordinance was promulgated byamending the section 34 of APFMIS Act, 1997 (Act 11 of 1997) on the 16th June, 2015 and the same has been published in part IV-B, Extraordinary of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette, dated the 17th June, 2015 as Ordinance No.2 of 2015.

3. In this connection, the Government have decided to form Water Users Associations (WUAs),Distributory Committees (DCs) and Project Committees (PCs) for the following number of Associations.

Sl.No.	Farmers Organisation	Major	Medium	Minor	Total
1.	WUAs	1755	249	4134	6138
2.	DCs	245	-	-	245
3.	PCs	17	36	-	53

4. As per the above Amendment, each Organisation is to be constituted with President/Chairman, Vice President/Vice Chairman and 4 members as appointed by the General Body of the Farmers' Organizations by consensus to exercise powers and perform the functions of a farmers organization and the Managing Committee thereof till such time such farmers organization is duly constituted or re-constituted and such Managing Committee assumes office under the provisions of this Act.

5. The procedure for conducting General Body Meetings for appointing 4 members and Presidents and Vice Presidents of Water Users Associations, Chairman and Vice Chairman of Distributory Committees and Project Committees are annexed to this order.

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6. All the District Collectors are hereby requested to take immediate action in the matter accordingly and furnish the list of 4 members, President/Chairman and Vice President/Vice Chairman appointed by consensus for Water Users Association, Distributory Committeeand Project Committeeto the Project Authority so as to submit the same tothe Commissioner, CADA andGovernment.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
All the District Collectors.
The Engineer-in-Chief (Irrigation),
Water Resources Department, A.P.
The Engineer-in-Chief (Admin),
Water Resources Department, A.P.
The Chief Engineer, Minor Irrigation,
Water Resources Department, A.P.
The Commissioner, CADA,
Water Resources Department, A.P.
All the Superintending Engineers. (Irrigation Circle)
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PS to Prl Secretary, Water Resources Department.
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PS to Hon'bleMinister,WaterResources Department.
PS to Secretary to Hon'bleChief Minister.
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SECTION OFFICER

Annexure to G.O.RT.No. 528,Water Resources(CAD)Department, Dt:13.08.2015.

Procedure for conducting General Body Meetings for appointment of 4 members, Presidents and Vice Presidents of WUAs, Chairman and Vice Chairman of DCs and PCs:

1) The District Collector or authorized person as nominated by the District Collector has to appoint the competent authority (engg) for conducting the General Body Meeting for appointing Managing Committee members consisting of 4 members for WUAs, DCs and PCs, President and Vice President of the Water Users Association, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the DCs and PCs.

2) The competent authority (Engineering) of the Water Users Association has to collect the existing voters list of the Water Users Association from the authority concerned.

3) The competent authority (Engineering) has to conduct the General Body meeting with the farmers who have voting right for appointing the 4 members, President and Vice President of the Water Users Association by consensus.

4) The competent authority (Engineering) has to issue notice mentioning the time, date and venue of General Body meeting seven days before and Tom Tom in villages of the WUA area one day before the above mentioned meeting.

5) The competent authority has to make necessary arrangements for conducting the General Body meeting at the specified time and place.

6) The competent authority has to take necessary steps for appointing Management Committee consisting of 4 members, President and Vice President of the Water Users Association in General Body Meeting through consensus and record minutes of the meeting in the Register.

7) In respect of Major Irrigation Projects, the District Collector or authorized person as nominated by the District Collector has to follow the procedure under Chapter 6 and Chapter 7 of the Election Manual for Farmers' Organization under APFMIS Act, 1997, for appointing the Management Committee consisting of 4 members, Chairman, and Vice Chairman of the DCs and PCs.

8) In respect of Medium Irrigation Projects, the District Collector or authorized person as nominated by the District Collector has to follow the procedure under Chapter 7 of the Election Manual for Farmers' Organization under APFMIS Act, 1997, for appointing the Management Committee consisting of 4 members, Chairman, and Vice Chairman of the PCs.

9) The list of 4 members, President/Chairman and Vice President / Vice Chairman elected for WUA, DC and PC has to be furnished to the Project Authority who in turn shall submit the same to the Commissioner, CADA and Government.

10) The entire exercise should be completed and the list as mentioned at para-9 aboveshould be submitted to the Commissioner, CADA and Government within one month (before 12.09.2015) from the date of issue of this order.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT